

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-29 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 2-5, 7, 11, 21, 23 and 25-26 are currently amended, Claims 1-2, 8 and 27 are canceled without prejudice, and Claims 6, 9-10, 13-20, 24 and 28-29 remain unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 13-20, 22 and 28-29 and indication that Claims 7-10 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 7 is allowable. Dependent Claims 3-6, 9-11, 21 and 23-26 depend from independent Claim 7 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 3-7, 9-26 and 28-29 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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